

REMARKS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-68 and 87-117 are pending in this application. Claims 3-10, 12, 14-16, 18-31, 34, 38, 41, 43-45, 51, 52, 55, 58, 65, and 68 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. Claim 59 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Specifically, “wherin” has been changed to --wherein--. Claims 69-86 have been canceled. Additionally, a second claim labeled as claim 66 has been canceled and has been rewritten as new claim 87, differing only in that new claim 87 depends only from claim 61 instead of depending from “any one of claims 61 to 66”, as originally written. It is asserted that this is essentially a *pro forma* amendment to correct the claim numbering of the present application, as the application was originally filed with two different claims numbered as claim 66. New claims 87-117 have been added, which essentially correspond to claims added to the PCT application to which the present application claims priority in order to replace claims originally filed in the PCT application corresponding to canceled claims 69-86 of the present application. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

The Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to seventeen (17) patentably distinct species, as follows: claims 1-47, 60, and 61, directed to a magnetic holding device and method of manufacturing the same (Species I); claims 48-59 and 62-69, directed to a metal conductor (Species II); and claims 70-84, respectively, each being independent claims which do not relate to one invention or to a single inventive concept (Species III-XVII).

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicant hereby elects claims 1-47, 60, and 61 (Species I), without traverse. Additionally, Applicant submits that new claims 95-117 are readable upon the elected species, Species I.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including claims 1-68 and 87-117, is in condition for substantive consideration and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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